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WELL CONSTRUCTION RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #2

January 11, 2023; 1:00 – 4:00 pm

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DRAFT RULES

This document summarizes the rule revisions to be discussed during the meeting. I've also denoted page numbers in the affected division for those who would like to follow along in the affected division.

Division 190 Exempt Well Requirements

The following proposed changes to OAR 690 Division 190, Exempt Groundwater Use Recording Requirements, are based on requirements in House Bill (HB) 2145 (2021), HB 3030, and SB 688 (Both 2019):

Citation	Summary	Page number
690-190-0005(2)	Adding language to clarify that the exempt use groundwater recording requirements apply to well constructors as well as to landowners.	1
690-190-0010(8)	Adding a definition for a "Water Supply Well Constructor."	2
690-190-0100	Adding a requirement for well constructors to submit an exempt use map and fee within 30 days of well completion. Clarifies map requirements.	2
690-190-0200	Adding requirements for OWRD to notify well constructors of exempt use requirements that have not been met within 120 days; Clarifies how enforcement proceedings will occur for exempt use map and fee violations; Clarifies violation magnitude.	3

Division 200 General Well Standards

The following proposed changes to OAR 690 Division 200, Water Supply Well Construction Standards, Introduction, General Standards, and Definitions, are based on requirements in House Bill (HB) 2145 (2021), HB 3030, and Senate Bill 688 (Both 2019); Housekeeping changes are also included:

Citation	Summary	Page number
	Adding a requirement for latitude and longitude for special	
690-200-0021(2)	standards, along with a requirement for information about	
	original well construction for alteration or abandonment work,	4

	to be consistent with Start Card and Well Report requirements in HB 2145.	
690-200-0050(67) & (68) 690-200-0050(112) & (113)	Modifying definitions associated with licensed well constructors in order to be consistent with HB 3030 and SB 688.	19 23
Figure 200-1	Replacing outdated rule figure	25
Figure 200-7	Replacing rule figure for clarity.	26

Division 205 Water Well Driller Licensing

The following proposed changes to OAR 690 Division 205, Water Supply Well Construction Standards; Licensing, are based on requirements in House Bill (HB) 2145 (2021), HB 3030, and Senate Bill 688 (Both 2019); Housekeeping changes are also included:

Citation	Purpose	Page number
690-205-0005	Change made to language for clarity.	2
690-205-0010	Change made to language for consistency with statute	2
690-205-0020	Additional licensing requirement added for welding consistent with HB 2145; Temporary drillers license added as required by HB 3030 and SB 688; Experience requirement modified for clarity.	2 & 3, 5 & 6
690-205-0045	Removed outdated rule implementation date.	9
690-205-0175	Added signature requirement for clarity.	16
690-205-0200	Added information requirements consistent with HB 2145.	18 & 19
690-205-0205	Added information and data requirements consistent with HB 2145.	20 & 21
690-205-0210	Added information and data requirements consistent with HB 2145.	22 & 23

Division 240 Monitoring Well Driller Licensing

The following proposed changes to OAR 690 Division 240, Construction, Maintenance, Alteration, Conversion and Abandonment of Monitoring Wells, Geotechnical Holes and Other Holes in Oregon, are based on requirements in House Bill (HB) 2145 (2021), HB 3030, and Senate Bill (SB) 688 (Both 2019); Housekeeping changes are also included:

Citation	Purpose	Page
690-240-0006	Adding a requirement for latitude and longitude for special standards, along with a requirement for information about original well construction for alteration or abandonment work, to be consistent with Start Card and Well Report requirements	
	in HB 2145. Clarifying what information is required to be submitted for monitoring well special standard requests. Modifying well constructor license definitions based on	4
690-240-0010	requirements in HB 3030 and SB 688. Updating definition for "monitoring well drilling machine" for consistency with definitions in water supply well rules.	9, 12
690-240-0026	Appendix citation is being removed for housekeeping	17
690-240-0040	Removing 18 foot minimum depth requirement for closed loop ground source heat pump borings for consistency with other well construction rules.	23
690-240-0065	Additional licensing requirement added for welding consistent with HB 2145; Temporary drillers license added as required by HB 3030 and SB 688; Experience requirement modified for clarity.	28 - 33
690-240-0210	Removed outdated rule implementation date.	34
690-240-0340	Added signature requirement for clarity.	42
690-240-0375	Added information requirements consistent with HB 2145.	43 & 44
690-240-0385	Added information and data requirements consistent with HB 2145.	44 - 46
690-240-0395	Added information and data requirements consistent with HB 2145.	47 & 48
690-240-0640	Rule is being modified to increase the lowest civil penalty amounts for both minor violations and major violations to be consistent with penalties for other than well constructors. Adding statutory citation.	67 & 68
Table 240-3	Adding the level of violations for late or missing commencement of work notifications or seal placement date change notifications.	69